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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICTS
Soil Conservation District 4-H Club Program

This program is suggested to promote additional activity in soil and water conservation 4-H clubs and projects.

We give recognition to the very excellent participation in such projects and activities that is taking place in most of our states and many of our Districts. Our hope is to stimulate more Districts to undertake such programs or add to those that already do.

We present the following suggestions to help accomplish this:

- I. National Association should, through their Newsletter or booklets, acquaint Districts with all the 4-H soil conservation projects, activities and award programs, which are of National scope and urge Districts to encourage participation.
- II. We would strongly urge an article to be published in the Extension Service Review acquainting Extension personnel with the operation of Districts and inviting them to cooperate with Districts in organizing Soil and Water Conservation clubs and projects.
- III. State Associations should invite State 4-H Club leaders to tell them about available 4-H Club projects in their states and to discuss ways and means to promote 4-H Conservation Club work.
 - (a) State Associations can help promote 4-H Club work in soil and water conservation by appointing or electing a State Chairman of youth activities with an advisory committee; representations of 4-H, F.F.A., Boy Scouts, and others.
 - (b) Similar set-up at area levels in the State.
 - (c) Individual Districts might have a youth committee.

Each District should invite its County Agent or Club Agent to be a member of this Committee and ask him to meet with the District Board to discuss 4-H Club program in Soil and Water Conservation.

Districts should offer assistance with leadership training for local volunteer leaders in 4-H Club Soil and Water Conservation projects and allied activities.

- IV. We urge as much leadership as possible by the Extension Service at the State level in promoting 4-H Soil and Water Conservation Clubs and activities, such as:
 - (a) To promote Soil and Water Conservation activities in all Districts and counties of the State.

- (b) To help acquaint Soil Conservation Districts of present and possible 4-H Club programs.
- (c) To help familiarize County Extension personnel with the need for such Club work.

V. State Associations could find sponsors for a State-wide 4-H Camp program in Soil and Water Conservation. Such camps could be organized for leadership training and also in recognition of outstanding 4-H boys and girls enrolled in 4-H conservation work. Local Districts could encourage this activity by paying expenses of such boys and girls and leaders in their District to a State camp.

VI. Local Districts could give some recognition and help to 4-H Clubs:

- (a) By assisting with arranging conservation tours for 4-H Clubs.
- (b) By inviting local 4-H clubs to present some outstanding project at District annual meeting.
- (c) Encourage and assist in the teaching of Soil and Water Conservation at regular, local 4-H Club camps.
- (d) By providing awards for scrap books, demonstrations, essays, land judging, public speaking, etc. for 4-H boys and girls.
- (e) Counseling with 4-H Club groups in the development of exhibits and demonstrations.

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